

# CAFTA-DR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

## Fact Sheet



## NICARAGUA

**NICARAGUA** is geographically the largest of the CAFTA-DR countries. Its major products—coffee, bananas, sugar, poultry, meat, dairy, shrimp and lobsters—come from its abundant land and waters. Among Nicaragua’s Environmental Cooperation Program priorities: Environmental Impact Assessment, biodiversity, and wastewater management.

### GEOGRAPHY



### STATISTICS

- **Area:** 129,494 sq. km.
- **Population** (July 2010 est.): 5,955,928
- **Natural Resources:** Fresh water, fisheries, gold, timber, hydro and geothermal power potential
- **Exports to U.S.:** 62% of total exports
- **Imports from U.S.:** 22.6% of total imports

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Wastewater** : National Wastewater Regulatory Model implemented within the national environmental regulatory framework; over 40 inspectors trained
- **Air Quality:** Equipment for two urban air quality monitoring stations installed
- **Wildlife Protection:** One million Nicaraguans reached through public outreach campaigns
- **Agriculture:** Sustainable agroforestry methods introduced in the Miraflor-Moropotente Protected Areas
- **Cleaner Production:** Regional cleaner production strategy and environmental guidelines incorporated into national policy framework; Seafood processing companies achieved 17-31% reduction in water consumption, 5-28% reduction in energy consumption, and 4-10% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.